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Claim Status

Claims 1, 5, 7, 8, 10, 11, 22, 28, 30-32, 37 and 41 have been rewritten. Claims 4, 27, 36, and 42-50 have been cancelled. Claims 1-3, 5-26, 28-35, and 37-41 remain in the application.

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-50 were rejected under 35 USC 102(e) over Horstemeyer (US 2004/0243664).

Applicant has amended all pending independent claims (1, 22, and 42) to include subject matter in furtherance of Applicant's previous argument. Specifically, the claimed method and mobile communication device contact a third party directly upon detection by the mobile communication device of a predefined event. Horstemeyer describes and shows a system where a mobile thing may detect its location and send status messages to a server or notification system.

Applicant has amended independent claims 1 and 22 to include the subject matter of claims 4 and 27, respectively. The subject matter of these claims requires prompting of the user that the event has occurred, and requires the user to respond before continuing with transmitting the notification message. Claims 4 and 27 were similarly rejected in the Final Rejection, which pointed to paragraphs 199-201 of Horstemeyer. These paragraphs, however, describe a PCD 75 receiving a prompting message from an external source. Furthermore, the prompting is not performed in response to the mobile communication device detecting the occurrence of an event defined in an event descriptor, as claimed by applicant. These paragraphs are in a section relating to user activation of the notification system, which starts at paragraph 194. This section describes the process by which a notification system is first set up, including prompting a user for contact information to be stored and used by the notification system when the PCD is transmitting its notification status messages. Thus, the cited section further differs from

Applicant's claimed invention because the PCD is not transmitting a status message, but is transmitting contact and other information to be used by the notification message.

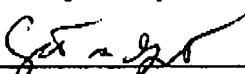
The Applicants believe that the subject application, as amended, is in condition for allowance. Such action is earnestly solicited by the Applicants.

In the event that the Examiner deems the present application non-allowable, it is requested that the Examiner telephone the Applicant's attorney or agent at the number indicated below so that the prosecution of the present case may be advanced by the clarification of any continuing rejection.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee due, or credit any overpayment, to Motorola, Inc., Deposit Account Number 50-2117.

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